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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON :- F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clements Lune, Lombard Street, E.O. GEORGE STREET & Co., 80, Cornhill. Gordon Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE :- LEON DE ROSNY, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.

NEW YORK:-ANDREW WIND, 183, Natsau Street. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW

ZEALAND :-GORDON & GOTOR, Melbourne and Sydneys generally :- BRAN & BLACK, San Fran-

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS :- SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HEINSZEN

& Co., Manila. CHINA: - Macao, Messrs A. A. DE MELLO & Co. Sugtow, CAMPBELL & Co. Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co. Poochow, HEDEE & Co. Shanghai, LAME, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH. Yokohama, LANE, CRAW-FORD & Co.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND,......1,400,000 Dollars,

COURT OF DIRECTORS. Chairman-W. H. FORBES, Esq. Deputy Chairman-Hon. W. KESWICK. E. R. Belilios, Esq. | WILHELM REINERS, H. L. DALBYMPLE, F. D. SASSOON, Eaq. W. S. Young, Esq. H. Hoppius, Esq. Molver, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER. Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. MANAGER.

Shanghai, Ewen Cameron, Esq. LONDON BANKERS .- London and County Bank.

HONGKONG. INTEREST ALLOWED.

N Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent, per annum on the daily balance. For Fixed Deposits :-

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. 4 per cent. 5 per cent. ,, ,,

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Oredits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan. T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS. (Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

DECOGNISED by the International CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£3,200,000. RESERVE FUND..... £800,000. HEAD OFFICE-14, RUE BERGERE, PARIS.

AGENOIES and BRANCHES at: SAN FRANCISCO. BOURBON, LONDON. MARSEILLES, BOYBAY, Hongkong, CALGUTTA, HANKOW, SHARGHAI, FOOOHOW. NANTES,

LONDON BANKERS: THE BANK OF ENGLAND. THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business. E. G. VOUILLEMONT,

Manager, Shanghai. Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION. (Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL£1,500,000. DATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application. GEO. O. SCOTT,

Acting Manager. Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Banks.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUS. TRALIA, AND CHINA.

& Goren, Ludgate Cirous, E.C. BATES, CAPITAL,£800,000. THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK. NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong CARD TRAYS and SCRAP BOOKS. Ohlef Commercial places in Europe and the STATUETTES. East; buys and receives for collection Bills SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-. POSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS, For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. ,, 4 per cent. 5 per cent.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are Allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS :--

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum. 4 per cent. ,, ,, 2 per cent. ,, ,, H. H. NELSON,

Manager. Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

TATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863. CHOCOLATE in Pretty Boxes, for Pre-

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL....£933,000. PAID-UP CAPITAL£465,250. RESERVE FUND...... £20,000.

HEAD OFFICE: -39A, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:-NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND. All descriptions of Banking and Exchange

business transacted. INTEREST allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum

rate being 5 per cent. per annum. R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE undermentioned Insurance Or-FICES will be CLOSED for Public Business upon CHRISTMAS DAY (the 25th inst.), the 26th inst.; and upon the 1st January next.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, Canton Insurance Office. General Managers,

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. For the Union Insurance Society of Canton, JAS.

N. J. EDE, Secretary. For the North-China Insurance Company, REGINALD D. STARKEY,

Acting Agent: RUSSELL & Co., Agents, yangtsze Insurance Association.

W. H. RAY, Secretary, China Traders' Insurance Co., Limited. The China Fire Insurance Co., Limited, JAMES B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary. The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited. Hongkong, December 22, 1879.

DENTAL NOTICE. T.R. ROGERS has returned and is now ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS .-No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.

Hongkong, December 8, 1879. Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction

WEDNESDAY, -

the 24th December, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,-An Invoice of JAPANESE POR-CELAIN WARE, and CHINESE LACQUERED WARE, &c., compri-

Breakfast and Tea Sets, Vases, Jars, Bowls, Plates, Cups, &c. Glove Boxes, Tea Caddies, and Cigar

Boxes. And, a few DAPHNES. TERMS OF SALE .- As customary. J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Austioneer. Hongkong, Dec. 22, 1879.

For Sale.

TTAVE Just RECEIVED their Usual ASSORTMENT of CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS, Comprising:-

JEWELRY BOXES and SCENT CA-BINETS. PRINCESS STATIONERY CABINETS. VELVET WORK BAGS.

WORK BOXES in Leather and Fancy grants Drafts on London and the VELVET PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.

GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES. | LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S DRESSING CASES. . LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S DRESSING BAGS.

Hadsome Presentation INKSTANDS. CIGAR and CIGARETTE CASES. Handsomely Painted FLOWER VASES. NOVELTIES in Electro-plated Ware, suitable for Presents.

Handsomely Bound and Illustrated GIFT BOOKS, Comprising:-PICTURE GALLEY OF MODERN ART. SWITZERLAND ILLUSTRATED.

WOODLAND ROMANCE. THE BIRD, BY JULES MICHELET. THE INSECT, BY JULES MICHELET. THE BIRD WORLD. THE EPIG- OF HADES.

A Large Assortment of Newest GIFT BOOKS for Boys and GIRLS. CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS, the Latest Novelties. Elegantly Dressed FRENCH DOLLS. DCLLS' PORTMANTEAUX, completely fitted. SWIMMING and WASHING DOLLS. MECHANICAL TOYS, in Great Variety.

DOLLS' PERAMBULATORS. PUZZLES, GAMES, BRICKS. HORSES and CARTS, WHEEL-BARROWS. DRUMS, TRUMPETS, GUNS and SWORDS.

THE PRESENT SEASON'S NOVELTIES in COSAQUES, Comprising:-HELEN'S BABIES' CRACKERS, PICTORIAL. INCOGNITA, COMICAL and CLUB CRACKERS. BELLES of the SEASON, &c., &c., &c.

CHRISTMAS CAKES and PLUM PUD- | GALANTINES of GAME. DINGS. Registered in London under the Companies' FRENCH PLUMS. BLOOM MUSCA-TELS. Crystallized CHOCOLATE BONBONS.

FRENCH BONBONS. DRAGEES. FRUITS in Noyeau. JUJUBES. SMYRNA FIGS. BRAZIL NUTS. BARCELONA ALMONDS.

RUSSIA OX TONGUES. Spiced OX TONGUES. MINCEMEAT: STILTON CHEESE. Presentation BOXES of BONBONS. The NEW OPERA GLASSES. CHRISTMAS TREE, CANDLES and ORNAMENTS. CHOICE OLD PORT. After Dinner SHERRY.

PAINT BOXES.

CHAMPAGNES, LIQUEURS, &c., &c. CRAWFORD & Co. LANE, Hongkong, December 2, 1879.

ED. CHASTEL & CO., # WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS, MARINE HOUSE, 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,

DEG to call attention to their NEW STOCK of WINES, SPIRITS & LIQUEURS, D recently Imported ex Late Arriva's, of the very Highest Class and most Popular Brands. Consisting of :-WHITE WINES.

CLARETS. Sauternes. St. Emilion. Graves. Margaux. Chateau Palmer. Chateau Lateur Blanche.

Fine Cld GLENLIVET SCOTCH WHISKY,

Pontet-Canet. Chateau Léoville. Chateau Larose. Chateau Richelieu. Chateau Lafite.

Chateau Yquem. Hochheimer. de, de, de. SHERRIES.

BURGUNDIES. CHAMBERTIN. BEAUNE.

MANZANILLA. VINO DE PASTO. AMONTILLADO

POMMARD. FINE OLD PORT WINES. CHAMPAGNES.

MME. VVE. CLICQUOT-PONSARDIN. THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co. B. & E. PERRIER. HENNESSY'S *, *** and CUTLER PALMER'S **, *** BRANDIES.

KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY. Fine Old BOURBON WHISKY, . SWAINE & BOORD'S OLD TOM GIN. JOHN DE KUYPER'S HOLLAND GENEVA. MACKENZIE BROTHERS' PURE HIGHLAND MALT WHISKY (Dalmore Distillery),

a specially selected Blend of 10 years OLD SCOTCH WHISKY. LIQUEURS. CHARTREUSE, CURACAO, ANISETTE, CREME DE VANILLE, CREME DE MORA, 1 1 - 1 - Cdro.,

ED. CHASTEL & Co.

Shipping.

Hongkong, December 22, 1879.

Steamers.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT-POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TANAIS," Command. DE LA MARCELLE, Will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe. G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent. Hongkong, December 17, 1879.

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship Commandant PARQUALINI, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe. G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, December 17, 1879.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Steamship "DOUGLAS," "DOUGLAS,"
Capt Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 25th Inst., at Day-

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, December 22, 1879. AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGA-TION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all Australasian and New

Zealand Ports,

TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI. The Chartered Steamer "ORUSADER," T. Rowin, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 24th Instant, instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, December 8, 1879.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYD-NEY AND MELBOURNE.

Bhipping. .

taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.) The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "SOMERSET"

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and

will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 27th Inst., at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, December 12, 1879

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

The Steamship "BRECONSHIRE," STURROCK, Commander, expected here on or about the 26th Inst., will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,

A gents. Hongkong, December 19, 1879.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.) The Spanish Steamer "CHURRUCA," Captain ABAROA, shortly expected, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co. Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT). The Steamship "ROMULUS,"
Capt. WATT, will have immediate despatch for the above

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR SINGAPORE & LONDON VIA

CANAL. The Steamship "MERIONETHSHIRE," RICKARD, Commander, expected here in about a fortnight, will have immediate despatch for the

above Ports. For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL The Company's Steamship "ANTENOR"

will be despatched on or about the 22nd Instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

A gents. Hongkong, December 10, 1879. OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Company's Steamship "ANCHISES," Captain C. Jackson, will be despatched on or about the

7th January, 1880. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, December 22, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK. The Steamship "BENGLOE." due here immediately, will have room for a limited amount of Cargo.

Agents. Hongkong, December 17, 1879.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

For Freight, apply to

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR NEW YORK THA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship "FLEURS CASTLE," KIDDER, Commander, expected here in about a fortnight, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 11, 1879.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON. The A.1 British Bark The Al British Bark

"WINLOW,"

BARKER, Master, will load
here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1879.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels. FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 British Bark GARTMORN, ELLWOOD, Master, will load here and at Whampoa for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, December 1, 1879.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Bark "CHINAMAN," MACKENZIE, Master, will load here and at Whampos for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, December 1, 1879.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Bark "ELIZABETH CHILDS," LINDBERGH, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, December 4, 1879.

For Freight, apply to

Hongkong, December 1, 1879.

FOR HAMBURG. The A 1 German Bark The A 1 German Bark

"PALMA,"

BINGE, Master, will load here
and at Whampoa for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

FOR LONDON. . The A 1 British Ship The A 1 British Ship
"PRINCE FREDERICK,"
CLAGUE, Master, will load here
for the above Port, and will

VOGEL & Co.

have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. FOR HAMBURG. The A 1 German Bark "AUGUST," Rus, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will

have quick despatch. For Fright, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. FOR NEW YORK. The A I German Bark "TP "IGENIA." GREEN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, November 20, 1879.

have quick despatch.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Schooner "R. M. HAYWARD," DOANE, Master, will load here and at Whampoa for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to

Hongkong, November 20, 1879. FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 German Bark "HIERONYMUS." IPLAND, Master, will load here and at Whampoa for the above

RUSSELL & Co.

Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hougkong, November 20, 1879.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 Danish Bark "FLENSBORG." JACOBSEN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to

VOUEL & Co.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship "CITY OF BOSTON," CROSBY, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will be despatched on or about 20th De-

Hongkong, November 10, 1879.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, November 3, 1879.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Bark "CLARO BABUYAN," Polson, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, November 3, 1879.

FOR SALE.

TULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, in Quarts and Pints. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, May 26, 1879,

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS STORES.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., DEG to call attention to the following New Supply of STORES, which

they have Received Ex "GORDON CASTLE,"

And Other Recent Arrivals.

CHRISTMAS CAKES, 4-lb., 5-lb. and 6-lb, each. CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDINGS. Pure AMERICAN CANDIES. Pure Scoton CANDIES. DRAGEES. ALMONDS. Fancy OHOCOLATES. MASSON'S CHOCOLATE CREAMS. NOUGATINES.

Crystalized METZ FRUITS. New Designs in COSAQUES. "CETEWAYO'S HAT BOX."

"MARQUEBETE'S JEWEL CASKET, "GRANDMA'S-BONNET BOX." "EDWIN and ANGELINA." &c., &c.

SMYRNA FIGS. Muscatel BLOOM RAISINS. JORDAN ALMONDS. BRAZIL NUTS. PECAN NUTS. HICKORY NUTS. Cooking and Table PRUNES. Pudding RAISINS and CURRANTS. Candied PEEL. MINCEMEAT in 1-lb. tins. . VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA. CARRAWAY SEEDS. SCHWEITZER'S COCOATINA. American CREAM CHEESE. SAP SAGE CHEESE. LIMBURG CHEESE. PINE APPLE CHEESE. HAM TONGUE & CHICKEN SAUSAGE, WESTPHALIAN, BOLOGNA, Oxford, and TRUFFLED SAUSAGES. GAME PIES. Potted MEATS.

Prime Yorkshire HAMS. Prime Wiltshire BACON in tins & Canvas. Pickled OX-TONGUES. OX-TONGUES in JELLY. TRUFFLES. CALIFORNIA ROLL BUTTER,

HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS. CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER

CUTTING'S Canned DESSERT FRUITS.

· CAKES. MILK BISCUITS. ALPHABET BISCUITS. OYSTER BISCUITS.

WAFER BISOUITS. SODA BISCUITS.

First-class and Medium CHAMPAGNES, Pints and Quarts. HOCK. SAUTERNES. CLARET. Fine Old Pale PORT, 1848. SACCONE'S Pale Dry SHERRY. Amonti ado SHERRY. LA GRANDE MARQUE CHARTREUSE, Pints and Quarts. MARASCHINO DE ZARA.

Fine Old BOURBON WHISKY. Scoron and IRISH WHISKIES. BASS'S ALE Bottled by Cameron and SAUNDERS, Pints and Quarts. GUINNESS'S STOUT Bottled by E. & J. BURKE, Pints and Quarts.

CURAÇÃO.

Specially Selected CIGARS. Princessa CHEROOTS. Cavite CHEROOTS. Princessa CIGARS. Cavite CIGARS. Aroceros CIGARS.

Vegueros CIGARS. Cheice No. 1 Fortin CIGARS in Boxes of 100. Choice No. 3 Meisig CHEROOTS.

Choice No. 3 Fortin CIGARS.

PRESENTATION BOOKS. SCIENTIFIC WORKS. WORKS of REFERENCE. SCHOOL BOOKS.

CHILDREN'S STORY BOOKS. CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS. - NOVELS.

ATLASES. HISTORIES.

DICTIONARIES. OLLENDORFE'S METHOD for Learning FRENCH and SPANISH.

Dr. Ann's METHOD for Learning Gen-MAN and FRENCH, ASHER'S MODEL BOOKS of FOREIGN

COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE, GERMAN, FRENCH and SPANISH. "NORTH CHINA HERALD" DATE BLOCK for 1880.

New Season's PRESENT TEA, in 5 and 10 Catty Boxes. Hongkong, December 15, 1879,

For Sale.

KELLY & WALSH I AVE just received a Fine Assortment of ILLUSTRATED and STAN-DARD WORKS, specially suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. Moone's "LALLA ROOKH," Tenniel's Illustrations, ... \$3.50 PICTURES FROM BIBLE LANDS, SWISS PICTURES, ITALIAN PICTURES, &c., each 3.00 CHAMBERS'S ENCYCLOPÆDIA, 10 vols., new edition, 80.00 THE GLOBE ENCYCLOPÆDIA, 6 vols., 25.00 The Handy Vol, SCOTT, in case, The Handy Vol, TENNYSON, in Сано,... 7.50 CHAMBERS'S BOOK OF DAYS, 2 vols. ½ calf, 11.00 ARCHDEACON GREY'S CHINA, 2, vols., 140 Illustrations, 10.00 WEBSTER'S COMPLETE DIC-TIONARY, full calf, 12.00 CHAMBERS'S CYCLOPÆDIA of ENGLISH LITERATURE, 2 8.00 HINGSTON'S "AUSTRALIAN ABROAD," Illustrated, SPORT IN MANY LANDS, by "OLD SHEKARRY," 8.50 MISS MITFORD'S CHILDREN OF THE VILLAGE, Beautifully Illustrated, ... 3.50 THE NEW CHILD'S PLAY, Beautifully Illustrated,... ... 8.50 MISS GREENAWAY'S "UNDER THE WINDOW," ... 2.00 MASON & HAMLIN'S CABINET ORGANS, ... \$90.00

Entertainment.

MASON & HAMLIN'S CABINET

MASON & HAMLIN'S CABINET

Hongkong, Dec. 18, 1879.

ORGANS, \$200.00

Stationery CASES, and a Fine Assort-

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ment of CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL, THE HONGKONG AMATEUR

DRAMATIC CLUB will perform SHERIDAN'S COMEDY

"SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL" CITY HALL THEATRE,

On the EVENING of MONDAY, the 29TH INSTANT,

Admission (by Tickets only), \$2. Places may be secured at Messrs Lane, Chawrond & Co.'s at Noon on WEDNESDAY, the 24th

Doors open at 8.30 p.m. Performance to Commence PUNCTUALLY at 9 o'clock. Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY will perform

THE SORCERER" AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE,

On THURSDAY, the 8th January, at 9 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased and places secured at Messrs Lane, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, on and after SATURDAY, the 3rd Proximo.

W. WHEELER, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, December 17, 1879.

"OUR BOYS" RAMATIC COMPANY comprising the following Artistes-MISS EMILY BLAIN,

MISS MINNIE NORDT, MRS. NORVILLE. MESSES FRANK STUART, GEO. NORVILLE, G. CROFTON, AND

BARRY FRANKLIN, Will arrive Early in January, and will give · THREE PERFORMANCES ONLY.

Full Particulars in future Advertisements. GEO. NORVILLE, Business Manager. Hongkong, December 22, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Moither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the tollowing Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-

Palma, German barque, Capt. Binge.-Melchers & Co.

Hongkong, German 3 masted schooner. Captain Carl Com.-Wieler & Co. Рино, German barque, Capt. Seekamp. -Siemssen & Co.

Moses B. Tower, American barkentine, Capt. C. Hall. - Jardine, Matheson & Co. ALICE REED, American barque, Capt. J. H. Kilbean,-Melchers & Co. AMY TURNER, American barque, Captain A. W. Newell.—Russell & Co.

LAUREL, British barque, Capt. Johnson. -Gibb, Lavingston & Co. Mindlesex, British barque, Captain A. Walsh,-Borneo Company,

To-day's Advertisements.

GREAT THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE will take place in the

TUNG HING THEATRE, TO-MORROW (Wednesday) NIGHT. When the OHIM OHUNG FUI COM-

PANY will appear. The Entertainment to commence at 10 o'clock. On the Evening of THURSDAY, the 25th,

A WAR-LIKE PERFORMANCE-all the Inatruments real Weapons, used in Battle, On the Evening of FRIDAY, there will be a Grand Performance of Juggling,

The TUNG HING THEATRE has recently been newly fitted with Magnificent Chinese lanterns and is now brilliantly illuminated. There will be a Grand display of Flowers. These special performances of great excellence are to given on the occasion of the Foreign and Chinese Christmas.

Fire-Eating, &c.

Admission, First-class......\$1. Commencing every night at 10 o'clock. Hongkong, December 23, 1879. OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY. (Taking Cargo' and Passengers at through rates for HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSZE.)

The Company's Steamship " MENELAUS," Captain E. Billings, will be despatched on or about the 1st January, 1880.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, December 23, 1879.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL. N and after the 27th Instant (SA-TURDAY), the Business of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION will be Carried on at No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD, Central, the Premises lately occupied by THE Cabinet Council which was sum-ORGANS, ... \$130.00 the AGRA BANK.

GEO. O. SCOTT, -Manager. Hongkong, December 23, 1879.

WANTED. THE CHINESE REPOSITORY. 1832-51, complete.

The Chinese and Japanese Repository, 1863-Notes and Queries on China and Japan, 1867-70, 4 vols.

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Valsey, and 82 Chinese. Per Kiungchow, for Holhow, 42 Chinese,

POST OFFICE NOTICES. MAILS will close:-For MANILA. Per barque Gartmorn, at 7.80 a.m. To-

morrow, the 24th inst. For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW .-Per Douglas, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 24th inst. For HIOGO, YOKOHAMA, AND NAGA-BAKI.—

Per Takasago Maru, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 26th inst. For BANGKOK .--Per Rajanattianuhar, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 26th inst.

For SAIGON .-Per Bombay, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 27th inst., instead of as previously notified. For BAIGON .-

Per Olympia, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the

20th inst.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW. Shipping.

3 p.m.-American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco. Crusader leaves for Port Darwin, Cooktown, do, on or about this date. 11 p.m. - French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Tenders Close. Noon.-Tenders for Building Quarters received at Naval Store Office. Auction.

2 p.m. -Auction of Japanelle Ware, &c.. at Mr J. M. Armstrong's Sales Rooms. Amusement. 10 p.m.—Theatrical Performance at the

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DEC. 23, 1879.

moned for Friday last, the 19th inst., to "discuss the situation in Afghanistan" has now a difficult and apparently a serious "situation" to consider. This may be said in a political as well as a party sense, for the delay of a settlement in Afghan must materially affect the prospects of the Conservative Cabinet. It is not pleasant to hear that the British reinforcements are obstructed, and that the telegraphic communication with Cabul is interrupted. Still less pleasant is it to learn the sad loss in fight, although it was a victory over preparations that were being made, the collection of supplies at Cabul, and the unwavering belief we entertain of the staunchness of our troops, it is at least reasonable to entertain a lively, hope that all will yet go well with British arms in that unsettled country.

WE have frequently heard that the subordinate European assistants connected with the Chinese Preventive Service were lacking in that consideration so necessary to a courteous discharge of their duties, when native boats were concerned. But we confess to some surprise at the facts so plainly and circumstantially recorded in the letter from "G. R.," published in another column. It is not too much to say that the gentlemanly feeling so generally prominent in the superior officers of the Revenue Cruisers which so faithfully guard our harbour entrances is seldom marred by petty insolence such as that described in the communication referred to; and we therefore conclude that the coming from offices who are hard at work Europeans in question who stopped the till 5 o'clock. ja8 private launch conveying the pic-nic party must have been men of a boorish disposition and an uncultivated nature, whose ideas of courtesy and powers of discrimination were either very confused the greater question of how the objectionable features of the Blockade may be special request for retarded delivery. made still more vexatious by the employsome importance to residents here to find that they cannot peaceably cruise a mile or two around either end of the Harbour limits without the chance of being stopped or fired into, or searched and insultingly treated by men of the low class we have sketched above. It is fortunate, perhaps, for all parties that there was a lady present in the launch that was so rudely overhauled: otherwise the reception given to the intrusive foreigners might have led to awkward consequences. Such incidents are not the coasting vessels in the harbour at the calculated to smooth matters on either side, and are to be regretted from every point of view. It is to be hoped, therefore, that this case will be brought before the proper authorities, and that a little light may thus be thrown upon the subject, -how far such annoyances are to be permitted upon peaceful pleasure parties. Fortunately in this case the lady and gentlemen inconvenienced are German residents, and therefore some vigorous remonstrances may be expected. If the annoyance they have suffered should lead to a more considerate treatment of parties similarly situated in the future, they will have the satisfaction of having conferred a benefit upon the pleasureseekers of Hongkong. The unmannerly fellows who were guilty of the insult ought to be severely dealt with.

While on this subject of outdoor Customs employés, we may mention a suggestive incident which recently took place at Canton. The smuggling of opium which is known to exist by means of the river steamers between Hongkong, Macao and Canton has been the subject of repeated remark, and the cun-

are not only amusing but are fraught the Vencedora, which vessel has been rewith much inconvenience to the steamers' dfficers as well as to the tidewaiters or seachers in the Customs department. is well known that every facility is given to the Customs officials to discover the object of their search, and it not infrequently happens that the coal-bunkers are thoroughly emptied under the correct or mistaken impression that the coal is mixed with balls of opium. When this is done, and no opium is found, the task of replacing the coal falls upon the crestfallen excisemen, and this would appear to be a rather unpopular piece of duty. It so happened, therefore, a few days ago, that the steamer White Cloud arrived at Canton on her usual trip from Macao, and the coal-bunkers were thoroughly overhauled by the eager searchers after the drug. As no opium was likely to reward the Customs agents, it is said that a bold scheme suggested itself of ingeniously introducing a couple was being proceeded with, therefore, two balls of the drug were being quietly smuggled on board by one of the Cus. calling out the Brigade. toms folks; but, horrible to relate, the antismuggling smuggler was caught in the act, and the neat little scheme collapsed because of its clumsy promoter. we have said, the incident, though not in itself highly criminal, is very suggesof the error of his ways by Commissioner McKean, and that there is a strong probability that a dodge of the same kind will not be attempted by any one for some time to come.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL,"] (Per E. E. A. & O. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

LONDON, December 19. Telegraphic communication with Cabul

a interrupted. The British reinforcements are ob-

A Cabinet Council is to be held to-day to discuss the situation in Afghanistan.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next FRENCH MAIL may be expected to arrive on or about Christmas Day, by the M. M. steamer Peiho.

great odds. But, in view of the careful WE are informed that the O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Menelaus, from Liverpool, left Singapore this morning for Hongkong.

> THE P. & O. steamer Bokhara, we are informed by the Superintendent, left Singapore for this port at 9 o'clock this morning.

to-morrow. THE French mail will be closed at the same hours as were notified last week for the English Mail. A memorandum of these morrow be kept open till 5.80 in the afternoon, giving half an hour's grace and allowing of the posting of correspondence

THERE will be a local delivery from the Post Office on Christmas Day at 9 a.m. Correspondence intended for it must be posted or imperfectly developed. Apart from in the night box after 5 p.m. on Wednesday, or sent to the Post Office with

loss of life. A large number of houses are said to have been blown down, and all time are said to have been wrecked. The steamer Sersogen left Cebu about two hours before the hurricane commenced and having anchored outside escaped serious damage. She then proceeded to Iloilo, from which place the Churruca brings the intelligence to this port. The tidal wave would appear to have assumed very considerable dimensions and to have caused great destruction, our information going to show that large quantities of sugar stored in go-downs on shore have been destroyed by that mear. The Hopewell, Capt. Longlois, 578 tons, left Hongkong on the 24th October for Cebu; the Twilight, Capt. Watland, 1303 tons, left this port for Cebu on the 26th ulto. The Marie, Capt. Alexandre, left Manila about the 24th for Cebu. This is the second typhoon reported as passed over the vicinity of these Islands within a few weeks.

ning devices resorted to by the natives matcheds on the west side of the Dock, oc- duly installed here; he now hoped that the concerned to conceal their contraband cupied temporarily by some of the men of Lodges would all work in harmony, and

cently under repair. There was also some of the ship's gear, but the ship's furn ture. and a number of the men had already gone back on board the vessel, the work on which is now completed. The Iron Duke, the Victor Emanuel and the Egeria all sent men on shore at once, and they were, from being so near the scene of the fire, promptly there. Even before their arrival the Vencedera's men had pulled down the sheds to prevent the conflagration spreading and with the Dock hand pump had done something to put out the fire. The whole affair was over in less than an hour. Inspector Cameron, from You Mah Ti, and Inspector Matheson of the Water Police were on the spot smartly and contributed in no small degree to the prompt suppression of the conflagration. Inspector Orley of the Fire of balls into the said bunkers, so as to Brigade was present, but the fire it was avoid the disagreeable necessity of re- seen from the beginning was of such a placing the coal. While the unloading nature as could be dealt with by means at hand, and there was no necessity for

THE following dignified grumble appears in the Hiogo News of the date Dec. 6th :--Complaints have been rife "around town " because the Takasago-maru did not. bring on the Kobe portion of the French mail; which, if we are not misinformed. tive, as indicating the character of some left. Hongkong on the same day as the of those engaged in the lower ranks of Takasago sailed, but by way of Yokohama, the Customs service. We have every thus entailing a delay of several days in reason to believe that this would-be the receipt of our mails in Lobe. The smuggling gentleman was fully reminded recently-effected transfer of the manipulation of the Hongkong mails from the British to the Japanese postal authorities -technically, this is not yet accomplished -has no doubt something to do with the matter, but there is every reason to believe that as soon as things have shaken themselves down such a cause of complaint will not again arise. Mr. Lister is, as all who know him will agree, most anxious to do what he can to accommodate the public. There are naturally difficulties in the way. not only in connection with the change in the medium through which correspondence at this end is to be received and distributed. but also in connection with the conveyance of letters through the agency of the recently established line. The sdvantages of the latter, in point of economy of time, are so great that the public naturally feel annoyed at missing the opportunity of getting their home correspondence some days earlier than they will now do.

It may be interesting to explain how the

mail forming the basis of this complaint

was not sent on, and it may appease our esteemed contemporary and tone down the wrath of the Hiogo people to know how the glaring injustice from which they saffered was effected. In the Post Office there used to be a rule under which the weight of every mail sent by Sea Service was noted to a nicety, and accounts balanced every month between the Po. Offices by which these mails were con-THE case in which a soldier of the 27th veyed. This system was cumbersome Inniskillings and a Chinaman are accused and the public were the sufferers inasof having committed an unnatural offence much as the latest hour for posting was again before the Magistrates this had to be made earlier than it would morning and was further remanded till otherwise have been, by the necessity that existed for weighing to an ounce all the mails. This old-fashioned style of things was abolished by the Treaty and in its place came the system of making a strict account for one month an average for two hours is given elsewhere. As an experi- years. The day of the arrival of the ment, however, the Post Office will to- French mail here was included in this statistical month and it was hardly to be expected that the Postmaster General would, for the sake of one or two days early --delivery of the Hiogo mail, allow the heavy consignments of letters and papers to go on then by the Mitsu Bishi steamer. The mails were forwarded in the usual way to allow of the average month being something like a fair criterion of the two years' work. This was the only course open which was fair to all parties interested. Had the means been taken which would ment of men of this stamp, it becomes of Br the arrival of the Churruca from Hoilo, we have most expeditiously sent the English learn that an extremely severe typhoon took mail on to Hiogo, a fair balance of all place at Cebu, on the 12th inst. Very few accounts would have been prevented and particulars are to hand as yet, but from the much departmental irregularity and confufacts reported the harricane must have been sion have been the result. The Hiogo of terrific force. Among the vessels wreck- folks, we hope, will not grumble more. ed are the American ship Twilight, the They have been well served since, the last British barque Hopewell and the French | mail having gone direct, and this week's barque Marie; but no mention is made of any French mail going too by the M. B. steamer, if it is in in time,

> THE annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China was held at the Freemasons' Hall last evening, 22nd inst., when a gathering of the brethrenassembled under the presidency of the Very Worshipful D. D. Grand Master (C. P. Chater). After the usual formal business was disposed of, the D. D. G. M., addressing the Brethren, said they would be glad to learn that the health of their Right Worshipful Grand Master (T. G. Linstead) was steadily improving, although he had been seriously il on his passage to Hogland. The death of the Hon. W. T. Mercer, who for many years filled the post of District Grand Master for China, was next referred to in feeling terms, and a letter of condolence to Mrs Mercer was un aimously voted; while the D. D. G. M. passed a high tribute on the character and labours of their late R. W. Brother. It was next stated that, in conformity with instructions Some little commotion was caused last night from the Grand Lodge of England, the by an alarm of fire at Kowloon. It turned Lodge St. John, S. C. had been fully recogout that fire had broken out in one of five nised, and the Worshipful Master had been

them. The D. D. G. M. next referred to he Lodges of the District under his charge, and specially mentioned the two new Lodges in Amoy, which, for a small place like Amoy, were working most successfully—the Ionic numbering some 40 odd members, and the Corinthian about 35 members; while a Masonic Hall had been built on the Settlement at a cost of about \$6,000. Speaking of the local Lodges, the Mother Lodge here (the Zetland), he said; had fairly maintained its position; while the Victoria, the Perseverance, and the United Service had very much improved during the year. Last year, the Victoria Lodge was in a very unsatisfactory state; but this year, he was glad to say, it had wonderfully advanced, and now consisted of a body of zealous brethren of which the Grand Lodge might well be proud. The Perseverance Lodge was in a most flourishing condition, and he hoped that this, his Mother Lodge, would continue to prosper. Although on a different footing to the other Lodges—its members being more migratory Lthe United Service Lodge, embracing the three services, had done good work during the year, and would, he felt sure, continue to maintain its reputation in the future. Brother H. Smith (W. Master elect for the saying "That is all right, you may Victoria Lodge) was then elected Treasurer to the Grand Lodge; and W. Bros. W. M. Deane and H. L. Dennys were elected nonofficial members of the District Board of General Purposes.

The following is a list of the Officers for the year of the District Grand Lodge :-D. G. M.-R. W. Bro. T. G. Linstead. D. D. G. M.-V. Wor. Bro. C. P. Chater. D. G. S. W .- Wor. Bro. H. A. Giles (Amoy) J. W. Wor. Bro. J. T. Chater.

Chaplain-Treasurer-Wor. Bro. H. Smith. Registrar-Wor. Bro. W. M. B. Ar-President of the D. G. Board of Gene-

ral Purposes - Wor. Bro. A. G. Secretary-Bro. A. F. dos Remedios. . D.-Wor. Bro. W. M. Deane. D. Wor. Bro. W. C. Howard

Supt. of Works .- Bro. W. Danby. D. of Cere.-Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray. Assist. D. of Cerc.—Bro. A. W. Bain Sword Bearer-Wor. Bro. G. May.

Organist-Bro. F. Panizza. Pursuivant-Wor. Bro. H. L. Dennys. -Wor. Bro. M. S. Ton-

G. Steward-Bro. P. A. da Costa. .-Bro. Dr. P. C. B. Ayres. -Bro. J. A. Mosely. -Bro. A. Cheyne. -Bro. R. D. Starkey.

VICTORIA SCHOOL-PRIZE LIST.

-Bro. D. Sayle.

Girls' Classes. I. CLASS.-M. de Jesus, 1st prize for Eng-Mrs. Hanlon. A. Gomes, 1st prize for Geography and Grammar, given by Mrs. Romano. E. Carvalho, 1st prize for drawing maps, given by Mr. C. do Rozario.

II. CLASS.- Laura Leiria, 1st prize for Composition, given by Mr. Romano; and 2nd prize for French, given by Mr. C. do Rozario. E. Leiris, 1st prize for Geography and Grammar, given by Mrs. Mehta. L. Danenberg, 1st prize for Arithmetic and Sewing, given by Mr. J. A. dos Remedios. III. CLASS.—C. Smith, 1st prize for general

improvement in all subjects, given by Mrs. Hanlon. C. Gomes, 1st prize for Reading and Dictation, given by Mrs. Mehta. CLASS.-L. Sá, 1st prize for Arithmetic

and Writing, given by Mrs. Hanlon. J. Berkeley, 1st prize for Reading and Grammar, given by Mrs. Mehta. E. Stainfield, 1st prize for Dictation, given by Mrs. Mehta.

CLASS .- R. Ribeiro, 1st prize for Arithmetic, given by Mrs. Fleming. J. Ribeiro, 1st | racing. prize for Writing, given by Mrs. Noronha. M. Remedios, 1st prize for Dictation, given by Mrs. Noronha. J. Remedios, 1st prize for Reading, given by Mrs. Mehta. VI. CLASS .- A. Parker, prize, given by Mr.

Noronha. Boys' Classes. CLASS.-R. G. da Costa, 1st prize for all subjects, given by J. M. Hanlon. J. M. da Silva, 2nd prize for Geography, Grammar, and

Arithmetic, given by Mr. M. C. do Rozario. II. CLASS .- J. A. dos Remedios, 1st prize for all subjects, given by Mr. H. Rodrigues. A. H. Remedios, 2nd prize for Geography and Composition, given by Mr. A. G. Romano. A. M. da Silva, Grammar, given by Mr. J. A. dos Remedios.

HI.-CLASS.-J. A. da Silva, 1st prize for all subjects, given by Mr. J. A. dos Remedios. J. M. Silva, 2nd prize for Arithmetic, given by Mr. A. G. Romano.

IV. CLASS .- T. A. da Costa, 1st prize for all subjects, given by Mr. J. M. Fleming. E. Remedios, 2nd prize, Arithmetic and Grammar, given by Mr. M. do Rozario. J. Leiria, Dietation and Reading, given by Mr J. A. dos Remedios. D. Souza, Arthmetic, given by Mr. A. G. Romano.

Reading and Arithmetic, given by Mr. E. da unfounded charge is made as to the conduct Silva. A. Sonza, 2nd prize for Reading, given of a large number of patrons of sport who by Mr A. G. Romano. A. Rodrigues, Reading, | fo lowed the races in steam launches, and a given by Mr. D. Noronha.

CLASS. -A. Gomes, 1st prize for good conduct, given by Mr. M. C. do Rozario. E. Lopes, general improvement, given by Mr. D. Noronha.

Latin Class. Miss A. de Jesus, 1st prize for Latin, given by Mrs. Hanlon.

· Drawing Class. Miss de Carvalho, 1st prize Drawing Maps, given by Mr. Romano.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL." Hongkong, 28rd Dec. SIR,-Coming from a pio-nic on Tsingi island, on Sunday last, we steamed towards Tsinwan and turning to the west we intended to return to Hongkong through the Capsingmoon Pass, when our attention was drawn to a white steam launch belonging to the Chinese k evenue Cruisers coming either in getting in the way of the compefrom the direction of the Stone outter's titors, or in prejudicing the prospects of island, bearing right down upon us and any particular boat by steaming so close as whistling several times. The man in to give them the benefit of the backwash, charge of our launch said we had better | and that is all the Rowing Club Committee stop, but he was told to go ahead, and not | had any right to expect. During one race, to mind the steamer, when all at once a when the Umpire's boat had fallen too far blank shot was fired, tollowed shortly after | behind the competitors, Mr Hynes certainly | who ordered their arrest,

to stop and to wait for the cruiser.

It took her fully ten minutes before she came abreast of us, when a European (there were two on board), apparently the one in charge, asked us, "What launch saked for our permit, and on being told scarcely suitable for the fair patrons of that we had no permit he gave orders to sport in this Colony to listen to. man his boat and came alongside, giving instructions to his men, which I did not catch, and came over the side without even who backed the Irish crew for the Intertouching his hat or bowing. He was then asked by a gentleman on board what he held by your boating authority, are inwanted, to which he replied "to have a comprehensible to every legitimate rowing look at you." I stepped forward to speak man in the Colony. The matter is an to him. He repeated his questions about extremely simple one. It has been asserted a permit and destination, to which he re- that because at the eleventh hour Mr celved the same replies; and he said:-"You | Sampson was substituted for Mr Dunman are in Chinese waters, you cannot go out in the English crew, backers of the Irish that way." I said :- "Then we can turn are justified in declining to pay. In what Tung Wa hospital. what way we are going back." But he there any stipulation made that no change said :- "No, you cannot do that." Of in the crew first selected would be percourse it puzzled us very much what he was mitted? If not, where is the ground for going to do with us, and so I asked :- "But objection? Your correspondent refers to what are you going to do with us " to which a regatta where betting is made "on a he gave no direct answer, turning his head | crew as it stands," and argues that in such to the one side and looking out of the an instance the betting on the International corner of his eye, talking about having to would not hold good. But who ever heard obey orders. He held out a letter addres- of such a regatta, here or elsewhere? It is sed to commanders of steam launches, or quite a common practice in England to something to that effect, and became change the members of a crew at the last ON THE BLOCKADE OF HONGKONG. in the cabin, and taken a general view of the steamer, come towards him and said something, when he went over the side, now," still talking about having to obey orders, and saying that steam launches with pic-nic parties on board had been discovered amuggling opium, &c., &c.

I have to mention that we had a few Fir trees for Christmas on deck, which might have drawn the attention of the Cruiser to us; but the man, when he came alongside the steamer and saw five gentlemen and a lady on board, ought to have saved himself the trouble of coming on board our steam launch and detaining us any longer than what he had already done; if he had displayed common sense and courtesy he ought to have said, when alongside and seeing a lady and gentlemen on board. "All right, go ahead, I am satisfied;" but his behaviour was not at all satisfactory, and it is certainly not pleasant to be inter-

fered with in that way. of our neighbourhood many a time in proceedings on a plea like the one now steam launches and Chinese boats, but I raised. The mere fact of odds having been have never been stopped, nor have I ever laid on the Irish crew on the understanding been hailed or annoyed by the cruisers in any way. I shall feel obliged by your giving the above a space in your paper in order that other parties may not be surprised when a similar thing may happen to

Yours truly, G. R.

P.S.—We had a white house-boat in tow with the flag of the house to which it belongs painted on her bows and the boatmen in uniform with the name of the firm on their hats.

THE LATE REGATTA. To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

23rd December. Sir,—The aquatic reporters of the rival papers of this colony, if they are to be lish Composition, given by Mr. J. A. dos judged by their descriptive reports of the Remedios; and 1st prize for French, given by late regatta, are hardly worth powder and shot. That is, of course, more their misfortune than their fault. Evidently tyrea in matters aquatic, they made the best of a bad job, and with charming unanimity ignored their own opinions, (if they ever had any) and published second-hand the bombastic utterances of an excited partisan, who, throughout the two days' racing, made the Umpire's boat anything but a heaven on Earth. Considering that the representatives of the Fourth Estate had a duty to perform, and admitting that, feeble as it was, they did their level best, it would be hardly worth while to harshly criticise their reports. The author of "Regatta Jottings" can however scarcely look for such lenient treatment, seeing that he poses on an extremely high pedestal as a great authority on all matters pertaining to boat-

Now, Sir, although my experience of boat-racing does not carry me quite so far back as those haleyon days of penny steamboats, when in 1859 Cambridge was sunk to the intense delight of 'Arry and his young lady out for the day-as graphically described by your artist, -an old member of the Thames and West London, who has pulled many a hard race behind Slater and other well known carsmen, and who scarcely missed an important match, amateur or professional, for over a dozen years, may without presumption lay claim to some knowledge of rowing. Having no personal interest whatever in the Victoria Regatta, would have hesitated before entering into any controversy with the author alluded to, had he been contented with stultifying himself by writing several paragraphs of the most inconsistent and contradictory jargon ever published on boat-racing. could also have passed over in silence glaring inacouracles of his statements referring to the merits of various oarsmen, the style in which certain races were rowed and won, and the varied incidents of the two CLASS .- J. A. Remedios, 1st prize for days' racing generally. But when a totally stupid and mis hievous question is raised as to the liability of persons who backed the Irish crew for the International, it is quite time to bring his house of cards tumbling about the ears of a person who either knows next to nothing about what he writes of, or has some strong interest to serve in vaising unterable objections which only tend to bring discredit on Sport. To take the Steam Launch question first, it is utterly false to say that any race was impeded in the slightest degree by the fleet of launches which accompanied each race. That they did not follow in the wake of the Umpire's launch we may take it for granted, and if the Umpire ever expected that they would do anything so childish. he is not the practical man I take him to be. I assert without fear of contradiction of duty. that not a single launch trangressed

throughout the whole of the two days,

hat good feeling would exist amongst by a second one; when we thought it better shouted to the launches to keep clear, and hearing of a number of ladies, to back up for a period not exceeding one month. the Umpire's request. The person referred to, a crack oarsman, if report may be relied that?" and "Where are you going to?" on, ought to have remembered that "Arry He was told the name of the launch and his gal" have not yet arrived in and that we were bound to Hongkong Hongkong waters, and that language through the Cap-sing-moon Pass; he which may be all very well at Putney is

> Now with reference to the question mooted as to the liability of those persons national, I may safely assert that the views back; we are not very particular about manner were the crews organized? Was rather talkative; but one of his crew, who moment, and I have myself on several had in the meantime looked over our things occasions taken, at the last moment, the oar of a club companion who happened to crews are frequently changed during the last week's practice, and I have known changes made on the morning of the race. What would be the use of Rowing Clubs, with crews in work for such a regatta as Henley for instance, keeping spare men in | Press:strict training, so as to be able to find an efficient substitute for any oarsman who might succumb to the casualties of a severe preparation, if they were not allowed to change their crews as they considered advisable? No man but an idiot would think of betting on any boat-race between two nationalities with such a proviso as your authority suggests.

Suppose for argument's sake that this frivolous objection was really a fair question for appeal, I then ask did the Irish crew object to Mr Sampson taking Mr Dunman's place prior to the start for the race? If they did not row the race under protest, their omission to raise a formal I have been cruising about in that part | objection would invalidate all subsequent and in the belief that Mr Dunman had vince. "gone stale" does not affect the question in the slightest degree. The English Captain exercised a wise discretion in discarding Dunman for a much better man, and his right to exercise this privilege was never questioned until the race was over, and even then only by those who had back-

> ed the losers. It is said an appeal will be made to Bell's Life to settle the matter. There is really nothing to settle so far as I can see, as, apart from all other considerations, the Regatta Regulations are perfectly plain on the powers vested in the Executive.

It is to be regretted that Mr Dunman had the bad taste to come out for the Ladies' Purse against the very man who took his place in the English boat, especially after refusing to meet Mr Woodin for the Senior Sculls. This kind of thing is open to severe comment, as it indicates a hankering more after "pot-hunting" then

WATERMAN.

SUPREME COURT. IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Hon, the Acting Puisne Judge, J. J. Francis, Esq.) Tuesday, Dec. 23rd.

MARKS v. FALCONER AND ORS., \$1,000 .-This is a claim brought by an assistant of Messrs Falconer & Co., watchmakers and jewellers, liquidated damages for breach of contract in wrongful dismissal. The defendants allege misconduct on plaintiff's part which, they argue, justifies dismissal. Particulars of this alleged misconduct have not been furnished, but order is now made that such particulars be furnished to the plaintiff's attorney, Mr Dennys, before 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, to allow of Mr Marks answering or disproving the allegations. The case will be heard on Monday next at 10.30. Mr Hayllar, Q.C., instructed by Messrs Brereton and Wotton, appears for the defendants.

AND WHAMPOA DOCK GOMPANY, \$20 .- A junk belonging to the plaintiff was injured to some extent by a steam launch belong. case of the Colony against the cordon of alternative, in other words the Blockade, ing to the defendants. Mr Aitken for them, stations and cruisers that surround it, I that unquestionable as might be the anadmitted that the junk was not in a buoyed was, of course, sufficiently familiar, but noyance caused by it—annoyance which I channel at the time and admitted also their | there were some arguments advanced yester- | had foreseen it would cause—and sincere as liability for the damage caused. The only day in support of it which I do not remember was my sympathy with a community of point was as to the amount. He declared to have heard before. I shall endeavour to my own countrymen whose trade might be the repairs that were necessary were of such state briefly the sum of the contentions put embarrassed by it, I could not admit that, a slight nature that \$4 or \$5 would amply forward, whether new or old. cover them. He had offered to execute It was contended, if I understood the junks in Chinese waters or upon the high work done by a Chinese boat-builder and that his own company should have nothing to do with it. The Judge agreed that this course was most fair, and made order accordingly, adjourning the case for a week so that this may be done, the plaintiff to come to the Court then if he is not satisfied that the promise now made is not being carried out.

Marine Court. (Before H. G. Thomsett, Esq., B.N.) Thursday, Dec. 22nd.

DESERTION. Christian Peterson, Max Schroder, Hans

Palki, Martin Johansen, John Landstrom, Charles Reeder, Henry Behman, and William Mogridge, Seamen of the American ship York Town, were charged with deserting from the said ship and also with refusal James Frederick Murphy, the master of

the York Town, proved defendants were on the ship's articles. On the 20th instant they went ashore and refused to return to their duty on board ship.

The defence in each case was that they had been assaulted by the second mate, and each and all declined to go on board. Defendants had been to the American Consul,

another person very unnecessarily used a prisoned at the order of the United States selection of the choicest Billingsgate, within | Consul or of the Master of the York Town

> DRUNK AND DISORDERLY. Charles Peterson, a seaman of the York Town, appeared charged with being drunk | Police engaged in pursuit of them. and disorderly on board ship on the 22nd instant. In this case no prosecutor appeared, and defendant was ordered to rejoin

Police Intelligence. (Before the Hon. O. B. Plunket). Tuesday, Dec. 23rd.

MENDICANCY. Six Chinese were charged with bogging in the streets on the 22nd instant and were sentenced to various short terms of imprisonment, three of them being sent to the

ed with having stolen a quantity of fish valued at 90 cents this morning from one Ip Akun. Defendant admitted the charge and was awarded one month's imprisonment.

STEALING FISH.

Chung Aü, 34, a hawker, appeared charg-

SIR THOMAS WADE

We take the following copy of the letter addressed by His Excellency Sir Thomas come to grief in training. The University Wade, Her Majesty's Minister at Peking, to the Chairman of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, after his interview with the Chamber in April last, from the Daily

H.M.S. Vigilant, 8th April, 1879. Sir, -It will be satisfactory to myself, and possibly of convenience to the Chamber of Commerce, that while my recollection of what passed at the meeting yesterday is fresh, I should put on record the substance of my replies to the observations of the gentlemen who spoke upon the various subjects to which my attention was invited.

These were, I think, four in number. 1st.—The action of the Chinese Revenue Collectorates and Revenue Cruisers, which exercise surveillance over the junks trading with the Colony, and which constitute what is known as the Blockade of Hongkong. 2nd.—The inoperativeness of the Transit Duty clauses of the Treaty of 1858, in the

province of Kwangtung, 3rd .- The desirability of extending our trade up-the inland waterways of the pro-

4th.—The removal of obstructions which threaten to interfere with the navigation of the river between Shanghai and Woosung. The first of these four questions being that which would involve the largest measure of discussion, I proposed to deal with the rest before coming to it, and I was enabled to say with reference to the second of the four that as it affected a Treaty right of great importance, I had been already prepared to take up the imperfect fulfilment of the Transit-Duty stipulations in Kwangtung or elsewhere.

with the eagerness that the privilege they provide deserves.

the advantage directly according to the com- of Lord Eigin. But, I believe, for one rea- They have a score of different methods of mercial interests engaged, but because, looking forward, I believe that there is no means so certain to improve our political relations with China as multiplication of the year 1866 or 1867, when it first dis- which a large number of police were aspoints of contact.

But, as I took occasion to remark, the most I could pledge myself to, in this direction, is a constant watchfulness of opportunities to obtain the concession we so desire. a concession which, if the Chinese Government understood its financial interests, it would esteem as profitable to itself as to the foreign trader, but which unhappily is one, the premature mention of which would be member of a leading firm then largely inte- with the forgery of the three millions of but too certain to alarm the Government.

I inadvertently omitted all allusion to the state of the Shanghai waters. I must confess that I had entirely overlooked your reference to it, until reminded of it by yourself as the meeting broke up. I had been under the impression that the obstruc- port of Shanghai. tion adverted to was the bank above Woosung, which has been the subject of so much last ten years.

this that you were directing attention but to contract the anchorage space off the Settlement. I regret much that I should have CHAN SING CHOW v. THE HONGKONG left the matter unnoticed yesterday. I shall

the repairs and make the junk good, but speakers aright, that the proclamation of seas, the Chinese Government was chargethe junk people refused this, and said they | Captain Charles Elliot, then Superintendent | able with doing other than what any Gowanted money and would have nothing of Trade, by which Hongkong was declared vernment would consider itself free to do, else. He was quite willing to have the in 1841 a free port, guaranteed to the port where it had a maritime revenue to protect certain advantages in the enjoyment of under corresponding circumstances. The which the Chinese Government had for abolition of the Sound dues levied by years acquiesced; that Article 44 of the Denmark was referred to as a precedent for Treaty of Tientsin, which confirmed to the course which China might be expected British subjects all privileges, immunities, to adopt in the case of Hongkong, but the and advantages conferred on them by pre- proposition, I confess, appeared to me the vious Treaties, consequently reaffirmed the converse of that before us. guarantee given in Captain Elliot's proclamation; that the action of the Revenue that the commissions of their commanders Collectorates now placed (in Chinese terri- might not be according to our notions such tory) at points east, west, and south of the commissions as should be borne by officers Colony, and of the revenue cruisers, under holding such commands, I deprecated obthe orders of the Superintendent of Customs | jection on this score because I am satisfied (the Hoppo, as he is commonly called), that advised—as it is now being advised which interferes prejudicially with the trade by competent Foreigners, the Chinese Goof the junks frequenting the Colony, is in vernment, if informed that its case was violation of the privileges guaranteed by weakened by non-conformance with Western Captain Elliot, and so long tacitly recog- usage in this particular, would issue comnised by the Chinese Government; that the missions on the Foreign model without loss proceedings of the revenue cruisers in par- of time. tioular, which not only scour the waters beyond the limits of our Colony's jurisdiction, but watch the junk trade in our own harbour, are, if not illegal, at variance with the usage of nations, the vessels in question not being, as is sometimes pretended, vessels belonging to the Chinese Navy, not being even yessels commissioned by the Government of China, but vessels employed merely under the authority of the Hoppo, It was urged, lastly, that the surveillance by these

vessels of the junk trade of the Colony

was the more verstions insamuch as

orime who by alleging that they belonged to understanding between the Governments. the Revenue Service had foiled the Colonial

of the grounds on which the Blockade has of higher duties than those prescribed by been complained of is incomplete.

of its trade both in the more considerable in the Treaty Ports. branches of commerce and in the daily supply

meeting I was unable to assent. First, as stitute for the present cordon. We do the regards the immunities guaranteed by Capt. | Chinese no injustice when we assume that Elliot's proclamation that Hongkong should native Custom Houses as uncontrolled as be a free port. I was asked, by the way, those in the neighbourhood of Hongkong when I demurred to the construction put will habitually levy more than is due upon upon the words quoted from it, whether I | the junk trade. If a system of collection was of opinion that Captain Elliot was can be devised in which by the co-operation within his right when he issued that pro- of the Colony the amount of revenue fairly clamation. I have no doubt that he was; I | due-agreed to be due-upon that trade can have never heard that his act was disowned | be otherwise secured to the Chinese Governor disapproved. But we had as yet no ment, a first step, at all events, will have Treaty relations with China, and nothing | been made towards abatement of the evil that Captain Elliot may have declared complained of. It does not follow that it could have assured to British subjects in | would at once be abated, for constituted as Hongkong the exemption from taxation by they now are, the Collectorates of the Emthe Chinese Government of junks trading pire have their own reasons for preferring between Hongkong and the Coast of China. | measures by which they may be privately

Pottinger, by the Treaty of Nanking, did | advantage the revenue. establish relations between the Governments of England and China. By Article III. of the Treaty it was agreed that Hongkong should be ceded to us, "it being obviously and, frankly, I should despair of obtaining necessary and desirable that British subjects | the extinction of the three revenue stations, should have some port whereat they may so obnoxious and, in a certain sense, so careen and refit their ships when required, humiliating to the Colony, if it could not be. and keep stores for that purpose."

Hongkong.

In the following year, 1843, in Articles mentary Treaty, also signed by Sir Henry Pottinger, the trade of the Colony was referred to, but in terms singularly restrictive. Junks were to trade only between Hongkong and the then open five ports, and that under | &c. passes to be examined by an officer of the Colonial Government and surrendered on their return trip. A monthly return was to be made on either side of the passes so granted, and irregularity detected by the

Colonial officer was to be denounced.

I recall these stipulations simply as evidence that Sir Henry Pottinger, who certainly recognised the freedom of the port, did not conceive that freedom to include the immunity from taxation of Chinese junks carrying cargoes between the Colony and ports of China not open by Treaty, which Captain subject. Elliot's proclamation is relied on as inaugurating. The Chinese Government, it is true, never troubled itself about the junk trade of Hongkong until long after the Supplement-It was admitted, I think by yourself, that ary Treaty had ceased to exist. That treaty our right under these had not been so far | was abrogated in 1858, when the main part appealed to by our mercantile community of its provisions were incorporated in the Osaka just now. They are moored in the Treaty of Tientsin. Its provisions regard- neighbourhood of nearly every bridge, and ing the junk trade of Hongkong were not so are much patronised. They are neatly To the greater extension of our trade incorporated. No allusion to this trade will matted, and are otherwise quite comfortup the rivers of Kwangtung I attach the be found either in the treaty or, as well as I a le. For quite a trifle, one may obtain nighest importance, not only on account of remember, in the published correspondence a dish of oysters served up in capital style. son only, viz., that the Chinese Government | cooking them, all delicious. had shown itself utterly indifferent about revenue on imports and exports carried by | tween soldiers and police, a hundred conopium being eminently and avowedly the to the spot in an astonishingly short space chief object of its efforts.

I observed yesterday, when addressing the meeting, that at the time of Lord the circulation of a rumour that a high Elgin's mission, when the legalisation of Government official has committed harikiri opium was under discussion, a distinguished in consequence of having been connected rested in the opium trade had suggested yen satsu, but whether the aforesaid official to me the expediency of introducing some | was a resident of Osaka or Tokio is not system under which the duty on opium mentioned .- Hiogo News. might be collected at or near Hongkong. He mentioned, in fact, the Foreign Customs Inspectorate, then on its trial at the single

I am persuaded that had it been then possible to secure to the Chinese Governcomplaint and correspondence during the ment the opium revenue, loss of which has led to what is popularly known as You explained to me that it was not to the Blockade, the Colony would have been spared the annoyance which the alternative banks of recent growth which threaten to adopted by the Chinese Government has occasioned it.

I do not profess, as you will see, to follow lexactly the order of the remarks that I look into it as soon as I arrive at Shanghai. | addressed to the meeting. I was obliged to I come now to the Blockade. With the say when I came to the consideration of this so long as its action was confined to Chinese

As to the status of the cruisers, allowing

As regarded the claim of suspicious characters to the status of revenue employés it seemed to me that nothing would be simpler than for the police to carry any persons suspected of wrong-doing before the authority on board the Revenue Cruiser to which they profess to belong, and it did not appear to me that the constant presence of one or more of these cruisers in the colonial waters, so long as they took no action therein, was the serious offence that it was held by gentlemen present to be. Gibraltar was mentioned as a port from which, under

His Worship sentenced them to be im- involved the co-operation of Chinese detec- circumstances somewhat analogous, cruisers tives, who had their headquarters on shore; were excluded. I was unable to affirm or while in the harbour the presence of the deny the statement, but I expressed an Revenue Cruisers had been in some instances opinion that if such exclusion were the rule, taken advantage of by persons suspected of | it was probably in accordance with a special

There was a reference made to, I think, Article XXIV. of the Treaty of Tientsin as You will correct me if my recapitulation protecting British merchants against exaction the tariff appended to the same Treaty. To The causes enumerated at all events, taken | this I replied that the Treaty in the matter together, are held to retard the development of duty payments on cargo concerned only of the Colony, not merely by the restriction | cargoes carried in British bottoms and taxed

I believe that I have now noticed every of the necessaries of life, the price of some | point brought forward, and I can but repeat of which, fuel for instance, is becoming that, while admitting with regret the emextravagantly high, but also by the dis- barrassment that the present state of things couragement of the better class of Chinese, brings with it, I see no escape from this who are deterred from establishing them- unless the Colony is prepared to suggest selves in permanence within our jurisdiction. some arrangement which the Chinese Go-. To a great deal that was advanced at the vernment will accept as an effective sub-In 1842, the year following, Sir Henry advantaged to measures that will only

But negotiation would at least become possible. Till some such arrangement be arrived at, it can scarcely be said to be so, An additional reason that I have for

I doubt that in discussion of our rights troubling you with this letter is that I with the Government of China, we can allowed the meeting to dissolve without an appeal to any instrument of earlier date | assurance that I shall feel the sincerest than this Treaty, which it will be seen pleasure in advocating any measure, of the affirms nothing regarding the trade of character I suggest, that the mercantile community of Hongkong may bring forward. I have no faith in improvement that will be XIII., XIV., and XVI., of the Supple- recognised as such until the three Custom Houses disappear, but the essential condition of their disappearance, once more, is the existence of some equally good security for the collection of Chinese revenue.-I am,

(Signed). Thomas Francis Wade, The Chairman of the Chamber of Com-

merce, Hongkong. P.S.—Since this letter was written I have seen in a Hongkong paper a letter, apparently from some gentleman present, to the effect that I avoided an answer to the observations made at the meeting regarding Gibraltar. What I said I imagine I have recorded here. If I said no more it was really because I was without the information that would have enabled me to speak more fully on the

(Signed) T. F. WADE.

Japan.

Cyster-boats are a great "institution" in

The value of the telephone was forcibly the trade. It continued so until, I think, shown the other day, in the rapidity with covered some desire to secure itself the sembled on a given spot in a fracas bejunks to and from the Colony; that on stables from different districts being brought

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Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers. Freight will be received on board until 4

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Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco. For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the

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THE S. S. TAKASAGO MARU, Capt. Young, due here on or about the 22nd Instant, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 27th Dec., at Day-

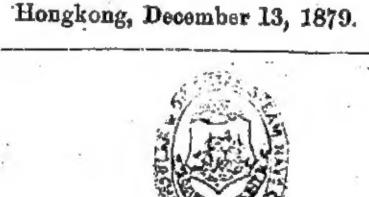
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Mails.

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

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